

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2005**

**Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center**

**405 University Drive**

**Coral Gables, FL**

**3 p.m.**

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman  
Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman  
Henry Lee Givens  
Thamara Labrousse  
Susannah Troner  
Hon. Linda Zilber

Harold Braynon, Jr.  
Enrique A. Bello  
Franklin Kelly  
Hon. James Reeder  
Theodore Wilde

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager  
Nan Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT  
Barbara Bravo, OCITT  
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney  
Mayra Bustamante, MDT  
Jim Eriksen, Parsons  
Carolyn Martin, OCA  
Dan Ricker, Watchdog Report  
Scott Brand, Consultant, MDT

Sandra Melean, PWD  
Patty David, OCITT  
Pepe Valdes, OCITT  
Virginia Diaz, OCITT  
Lourdes Gomez, MDT  
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT  
Larry Lebowitz, Herald  
Ron Freeland, Parsons  
David Tinder, PWD

**ROLL CALL**

With a quorum present, Mr. Buoniconti, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Moss moved to approve the January 31, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATION**

**Economic Relief Program – Scott Brand**

Mr. Scott Brand, Consultant, MDT, provided a Power Point Presentation on the Busway Extension to Florida City/US-1 Reconstruction Project. Mr. Brand reported that Miami-Dade Transit, the Office of the Mayor and County Commissioners have developed an Economic Relief Program in order to aid business owners impacted by the Busway Extension (a copy of the presentation was distributed). Mr. George Navarrette, Chief Project Control, MDT, added that before construction begins during the development and the design of a project there is an extensive public involvement which is required by the federal government. Mr. Givens asked how many PTP projects that will start within the next six months will impact business owners. Mr. Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD,

responded that PWD will be considering more extensive public involvement for the large roadways projects in urban areas. After some discussion, it was decided to further discuss the Public Involvement Program at the next Compliance and Oversight Committee meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, DECLARING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SW 157 AVENUE, SOUTH OF SW 120 STREET FOR APPROXIMATELY ½ MILE; AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SW 136 STREET, WEST OF SW 157 AVENUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2000 FEET, AS A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EMPLOY APPRAISERS TO OBTAIN REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS, AND TO ACQUIRE IN FEE SIMPLE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE APPRAISED VALUE AND TERMS OR BY EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING A DECLARATION OF TAKING AS NECESSARY – PWD (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review & Budget and Finance Committees*)**

Mr. Buoniconti requested a motion to approve the item. The item was unanimously approved.

- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT THE WEST KENDALL REGIONAL PARK AS PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SW 157 AVENUE IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 55 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST – PWD) (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review & Budget and Finance Committees*)**

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT KENDALL – TAMiami EXECUTIVE AIRPORT AS PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SW 136 STREET AND SW 157 AVENUE IN SECTIONS 17 AND 20, TOWNSHIP 55 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO APPRAISE AND COMPENSATE THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROPERTY (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review & Budget and Finance Committees*)**

Mr. Moss moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, EXECUTING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP, TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR, CONTRACT NO. TR05-NCPE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,900,929.53**  
*(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review & Budget and Finance Committees)*

Mr. Moss moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) ACTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ACQUIRE A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3795 N.W. SOUTH RIVER DRIVE AS PART OF THE MIC/EARLINGTON HEIGHTS METRORAIL CONNECTOR – MDT**  
*(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review & Budget and Finance Committees)*

Mr. Moss moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Labrousse and carried without dissent.

- F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) ACTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND HNTB CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$815,547 FOR PREPARING A SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) AND FINALIZING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) AS REQUESTED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)**  
*(Forwarded with a Favorable Budget & Finance with a favorable recommendation)*

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Givens and carried without dissent.

- G. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS WITH AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OPTIONS TO RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER, SUB ITEMS 4.1 AND 7.2 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT'S (DPM) COMMODITIES AND SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS, FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASES AND COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT)**  
*(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review & Budget and Finance Committees)*

Ms. Labrousse moved to approve them item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried without dissent.

- H. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS USED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) FOR PURCHASES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2004 *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget and Finance Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Labrousse and carried without dissent.

- I. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, APPROVING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS USED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) FOR PURCHASES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2004 *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget and Finance Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

- J. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, APPROVING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS USED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) FOR PURCHASES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2004 *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget and Finance Committee)***

Mr. Givens moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Labrousse and carried without dissent.

- K. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-124 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE AWARDED OF CONTRACTS UNDER \$100,000 WHICH UTILIZE SURTAX PROCEEDS *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget and Finance & Executive Planning Committees)***

Mr. Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, stated that Commissioner Carlos Gimenez, Chairman of the BCC Regional Transportation Committee is not in favor the item. Mr. Libhaber added that he was instructed by the County Manager to prepare the proposed Ordinance amendment.

Mr. Moss moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Labrousse and carried without dissent.

- L. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE 02-117, CONCERNING TRUST MEMBERS' ABSENCES (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the External Affairs & Executive Planning Committees*)**

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Labrousse and carried without dissent.

- M. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AMEND COUNTY ORDINANCE 02-117, TO INCLUDE ATTENDANCE LANGUAGE FOR THE CITT NOMINATING COMMITTEE (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the External Affairs & Executive Planning Committees*)**

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Labrousse and carried without dissent.

## **REPORTS**

### *Chairman's Report – Marc A. Buoniconti*

Mr. Buoniconti reported the following:

- Announced that the RFP for the Independent Financial Consultant will be considered at the March 10, 2005, BCC Regional Transportation Committee. If approved, it will be considered at the April 5, 2005, BCC meeting and then placed on the April 27, 2005, CITT Full Trust agenda for final approval.
- Announced that the Revised By-Laws have been distributed.
- Encouraged the members to stay involved in their respective CITT committees and stressed the importance of attendance.
- Appointed Member Enrique A. Bello to the External Affairs Committee.
- Informed the Members that the PTP Amendment for Existing Services was vetoed by the Mayor. The item will be heard again on March 1, 2005, by the BCC. The BCC could override the veto by a two-thirds vote (9 votes).

Mr. Johnson reported that he has met several times with the Mr. Bradley, Director MDT, Budget staff and the County Manager regarding other alternative resolutions that address the concerns raised by the Mayor and the County Commissioners.

### *Budget & Finance Committee – Theodore Wilde*

Mr. Wilde reported that the Committee met on February 8, 2005 and discussed the following items:

- Reconsideration of existing services amendment.
- Statement on responsibilities and limitations of the CITT posted on the website.
- Golden Passport and Patriot Pass.
- Miami Tunnel Feasibility Study which the Committee took no action.
- Follow-up on the Pro-Forma.
- MDT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report.

*Project Review Committee (PRC) –Miles Moss*

Mr. Moss reported that the PRC met on February 16, 2005 and discussed at length the Miami Tunnel Feasibility Study and the MDT Canopies. Mr. Moss thanked Mayor Raul Martinez for his letter informing the CITT how the surtax proceeds have been spent on improving the Hialeah Transit System and reconstruction of 28 miles of roadway. (a copy of the letter was distributed).

*External Affairs Committee –Hon. Linda Zilber*

Ms. Zilber reported that the External Affairs Committee met February 22, 2005 and reviewed the following items:

- Comprehensive Bus Operations Analysis by Center for Urban Transportation Research.
- Recommended to the Trust for consideration two Ordinance Amendments 02-117 pertaining the CITT and CITT Nominating Committee Member absenteeism.
- Discussed 02-116 Ordinance regarding the new municipalities and share of the surtax proceeds, defining the maintenance of effort in the municipal component, five percent administrative cap for municipalities and defining and establishing a MOE level for Public Works Department.

*Compliance & Oversight Committee – Henry Lee Givens*

No Report

*Executive Director's Report – Nan A. Markowitz*

No Report

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Brad Brown, past President of the Miami Chapter NAACP, commended the Members for supporting the Public Involvement Program which is much needed for businesses owners directly impacted by major construction.

Mr. Jamal Saxon, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the NAACP, expressed his concern of the level of minority participation in major construction projects and the make-up of the Board of Directors for large construction firms doing business in Miami-Dade County.

**NEW BUSINESS**

At the request of the Members, Mr. Navarrete displayed the proposed sites where the canopies are to be placed at the Metrorail stations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The CITT meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\***

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